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Sri M. S. MOGRAL:—" May I know whether the Government would introduce free streptomycin injection for extremely poor and deserving T.B. patients in all District Headquarters Hospitals?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—" A separate question may be put."

Sri G. NAGABHUSHANAM:—" Are the Government aware that there are a large number of patients sleeping on the floor in the Bellary District Headquarters Hospital?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Minor Ports.

* 145 *Q.*—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received the report of the Special Officer for the investigation of minor ports appointed by the Ministry of Transport, Government of India, in so far as it affects minor ports in Madras State and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" The report of the Special Officer (Minor Ports) has been received and is under the consideration of the State and the Central Governments."

Sri K. KRISHNA RAO:—" Are the Government aware that the ports between Madras and Visakhapatnam have been very sorely neglected in the past 10 years?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" I have already answered that the report of the Special Officer is under consideration."

Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL:—" May I know whether there are any proposals before the Government to convert the Malpe port into an all-weather port?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The Hon. Minister has already said that the report is under consideration."

Agricultural Research Stations.

* 146 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many research stations doing Agricultural Research are maintained by the Madras Government; and

(*b*) how many of them, if any do research in (1) coconut farming, (2) arecanut farming and (3) pepper farming?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) Forty-five Research Stations.